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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
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**In the application of :** Leslie D Humphrey  
**Serial No. :** 09/257,223  
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**For :** Engineering Operations Channel Provision  
**Examiner :** Keith M George  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 8, 2003**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003, applicant responds as follows:-